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SUBJ: WORLD YOUTH FESTIVAL IN HAVANA

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1. FOLLOWING ARTICLE DATELINED NEW DELHI APPEARED IN APRIL
24 DAILY MIRROR. QUOTE: SRI LANKA YOUTH HAVE BEEN PREPARING
FOR THE 11TH WORLD FESTIVAL OF YOUTH AND STUDENTS IN HAVANA
THIS SUMMER. THIS PROVIDES "A GOOD OPPORTUNITY FOR THE
DIFFERENT YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS HERE TO UNITE FOR COMMON ACTION,"
SARATH MUTTETTUWAGAMA, PRESIDENT OF THE NATIONAL FESTIVAL
PREPARATORY COMMITTEE TOLD ADN.

2. MR. MUTTETTUWAGAMA, WHO IS ALSO THE PRESIDENT OF THE
COMMUNIST YOUTH ORGANIZATION ADDED THAT THIS "IN A HEALTHY
WAY PROMOTES THE CLARIFICATION OF THE RESPECTIVE STANDPOINTS
AND IN MANY CASES RAPPROACHMENT OF THE POLITICAL POSITIONS
OF THE YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS."

3. "SRI LANKA AND CUBA ARE BOTH NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES. HENCE
CLOSE TOGETHER AND THUS SERVE THE NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT AS A
WHOLE," THE YOUTH LEADER SAID, ADDING THAT MOST LIKELY SRI
LANKA WOULD NOMINATE THE MOST BRAOD-BASED DELEGATION EVER SENT
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TO A WORLD YOUTH FESTIVAL. UNQUOTE.

4. SARATH MUTTETTUWAGAMA, HEAD OF COMMUNIST PARTY YOUTH
LEAGUE, TOLD EMBASSY OFFICERS APRIL 26 THAT SRI LANKA WILL
SEND ABOUT 100 DELEGATES TO HAVANA. YOUTHS WILL COME PRE-
DOMINANTLY FROM LEFTIST PARTIES, BUT THERE WILL BE OTHERS,
POSSIBLY SOME FROM AMONG RULING UNITED NATIONAL PARTY (UNP)

SUPPORTERS.

5. AS NOTED REFTTEL, THERE ARE NO OFFICIAL INDERANCES TO DELEGATES ATTENDING YOUTH FESTIVAL. WE PRESUME SOVIETS OR CUBANS ARE FINANCING THE TRIP. VERY FEW YOUNG PEOPLE HERE WOULD TURN DOWN A FREE TRIP ABROAD, NOT EVEN GOVERNMENT SUPPORTERS.

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